

# Bike club seeks new members

The Oakland Riders, a total bicycling club with interests in both racing and touring in Rochester, is set to start another exciting year. Since its early days in February of 1974, the club has grown in numbers each spring and is looking forward to another increase in members this summer.

The club is divided into two separate groups, the racers and the riders. Neil King, who owns King's Bike Shop on Main Street, heads the racing section and is anticipating a successful campaign this summer. In addition to acting as a coach he will compete in some of the races.

Leonard Ziegenmeyer runs the touring group which is generally not interested in the rigors of racing but the fun and leisure of distance biking. He and Nick Cameron are planning several adventures (trips in the April to October touring season).

The riders are planning a 76 touring schedule that includes excursions to Orono, N.Y., Buffalo, Monroe, Ohio, Indiana and a three-day camping weekend. The club rides twice a week on Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons.

THE TOURING GROUP will hold its first ride of the season on Sunday with a trip to Belle Isle. All rides meet at Stinson's employ parking lot across from the fire station unless otherwise indicated.

Dues are eight dollars for families (two for adults and three for children). The fees are payable now to register for the first bike trip, and should be sent to Len Ziegenmeyer, 2073 W. Gunn Road.

The organizers of the leisure club emphasize that the group's riding speed is that of the slowest rider. No one ever gets left behind so citizens shouldn't be hesitant of joining because of slow riding.

The racers are looking forward to competing on the track for the first time. Last year, the Riders participated in road type races with 10 speed bikes. After gaining the necessary experience and a year's training, each King feels his troops are ready to take on track competition.

The racers are backed by a factory racing team and have been engaged in conditioning drills since last September in preparation for the upcoming season. Weight lifting, running and calisthenics are part of the team's conditioning program.

Last year, the club was affiliated with the Amateur Bicycle League of America (ABLA) and started to race throughout Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Several times, members placed in the top 10 and King received many encouraging performances.

THAT YEAR, the touring group also expanded their horizons with a 100-mile century ride in Ohio, along with a weekend camp-out. Their first ride will start on Sunday with about a five to 10 mile trip to work out the kinks, and later increase to their 100-mile century ride.

What started in 1973 as a small group of people interested in bicycle racing, has grown into an Oakland Riders Club that will easily exceed 60 regular members this spring. For further information on the club and its rides, contact Ziegenmeyer at 373-6200.

# '200'-mile marathon to roll May 14-16

The 16th annual Pepco-Wolverine 200-mile bicycling marathon will get under way at 9:30 a.m. May 15.

Between 7,000 and 10,000 riders are expected on the Belle Isle course which will be closed to auto traffic.

Preceding the marathon, the national tourist championships—a bicycle skill and knowledge test—will start at 4 p.m. May 14.

Both events are open to riders at least 12 years old.

THE MARATHON is not a race, it is a recreational, family-oriented, inexpensive weekend of cycling and camping. Riders cycle at their own pace, stopping at any time for rest or refreshments.

Patches are awarded for distances completed within time limits: 25 miles in three hours, 50 miles in four hours, 100 miles in 10 hours, or 200 miles in 24 hours. Additional awards are presented in a wide range of other categories including best riding groups and the most unusual bike.

Prizes will be awarded on the basis of the tourist evaluation competition (TEC) test.

RIDERS CAN enter by having forms signed by a bike dealer (and a parent if the rider is under 18 years of age) by having their bikes safety checked and by sending their entry forms to the Wolverine Sports Club, c/o Mike Warden, 12500 Wade, Detroit, 48213.

Entry forms are coded and filed and on the day of the event, entrants pick up bib numbers which are stamped each time they pass gates marking the start and finish of laps.

Fees are \$3 for the marathon and \$2 for the national tourist championships. Family fees are also available.

TENTS, CAMPERS, trailers, station wagon or just sleeping bags will be accommodated for camping on the island for the event. The casino will be open for 24-hour food service.

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